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OF THE

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RUPERT'S LAND.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese.

Interesting Reports Respecting the Missionary Work.

A meeting of the executive committee of the synod of the diocese of Rupert's Land was held in the treasurer's office on Wednesday, April 7, 1886, at 3.30 p.m.

The members present were: The Most Rev. the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land (in the chair), the Very Rev. Dean Grisdale, Ven. Archdeacon Cowley, Ven. Archdeacon Pinkham (secretary), Revs. Canon O'Meara, Canon Matheson, O. Fortin, E. S. W. Pentreath, and H. H. Barber, W. Winram, Esq., M.P.P., A. H. Witcher, Esq., and H. S. Crotty, Esq.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The secretary presented the following account of the different missionary meetings recently held in the diocese:

"During the past few months a number of missionary meetings have been held in different parts of the diocese. The chief object in view in holding them was to explain as fully as possible the financial position of the diocese and to encourage church people to increase their contributions in order that the work now in operation might be continued and that means might be found for extending that work to all parts of the diocese.

DEANERY OF ST. JOHN'S.

A meeting was held in St. Paul's Parish on the second of February. It was well attended, Canon Matherson presided and the speakers were, Rev. A. E. Cowley, Mr. J. W. H. Wilson and Archdeacon Pinkham.

DEANERY OF SELKIRK.

The first meeting was held on 1st of Jan. at Headingly, where a new church has been built free of debt, during the past summer. The deputation consisted of Archdeacon Pinkham and Rev. H. H. Barber. The Rev. A. E. Cowley occupied the chair, and the attendance was fairly good.

The next meeting took place 14th January, at St. James, whose parish church is within the city limits. The meeting which was a good one, was presided over by the rector, Rev. A. E. Cowley, and the deputation consisted of the Rural Dean (Rev. O. Fortin,) and Mr. H. M. Howell, Q. C.

On January 19th and 20th meetings were held at Springfield and Sunnyside respectively. The first of the two meetings was addressed by the Very Rev. the Dean of Ruperts Land and Rev. H. H. Barber, the second by these two gentlemen and Messrs. C. J. Brydges and H. M. Howell. The weather was very cold and members of the deputation suffered from it, but the attendance at the meetings and the interest shown fully made up for any personal inconvenience.

On 19th February, Canon O'Meara and Mr. T. Gilroy addressed a good meeting at Cook's Creek. The chairman at all three meetings was the missionary in charge Rev. G. H. Hooper, whose earnest and constant labors since his appointment more than two years ago are highly esteemed. It may be mentioned that as an inducement to hold these meetings Mr. Hooper on behalf of his people guaranteed $30 and all expenses of the deputations, and it will be seen that the three collections aggregated more than the sum promised. Considering the number of church people in the mission there is probably no mission in the diocese contributing as large a sum annually for churchwork as this mission. The last harvest thanksgiving collection amounted to $47.00.

On 3rd of March a meeting was held in St. George's church, Winnipeg, the incumbent, Canon O'Meara, occupied the chair and the meeting was addressed by Archdeacon Pinkham, Canon Matheson and Messrs. Howell and Wilson. There was a fair attendance and a good deal of interest was awakenad.

On March 31st a meeting was held in Trinity Hall in connection with the parish of Holy Trinity. The Dean of Rupertsland occupied the chair, and the speakers were Mr. Gilroy, Archdeacon Pinkham, Mr.

Wrigley, Mr. Mulock and Canon O'Meara. There was a good attendance.

DEANERY OF MINNEDOSA.

On 19th January Archdeacon Pinkham, and Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath left home to hold a series of meetings in this Deanery. At Minnedosa they were joined by Rev. Mark Jukes who has since been appointed rural dean. The first meeting was held at Beulah, one of the mission centres of Rev. J. J. Morton, missionary at Birtle who accompanied the deputation. Although the weather was intensely cold there was a good attendance and great interest was shown in the cause. While at Beulah the deputation as well as Mr. Morton were entertained by Mr. George Rowswell, who drove them the next morning while they called on the church families in the settlement and before they set out on their return to Birtle presented the Archdeacon with $155, $100 for the Home Mission fund and $55 for the St. John's College endowment fund.

The evening of the 21st January was spent at Birtle, where there was a good meeting, After it was over the deputation drove to Solsgirth, in order to take the train for Minnedosa the next morning; and on arriving at their destination between twelve and one o'clock they learnt that all the beds in the only hotel in the town, which had been erected since Xmas, were occupied, but they were encouraged by the proprietor to make themselves as comfortable as possible in the sitting room. This they did, two of them wrapping themselves in their fur coats and lying on the floor, one with a log and the other with a chair turned up in true weastern style, for his pillow, while the third kept the fire going and being unable to sleep spent the weary hours as best he could. Before daylight the train started and arrived at Minnedosa between 8 and 9 o'clock. After breakfast the Archdeacon and Mr. Pentreath, who had spent Monday night on the train owing to the breakdown of the engine, and were now very tired, were glad to get a little rest. The afternoon was spent in calling, with Mr. Jukes on the members of his congregation in Minnedosa. In the evening the missionary meeting was held. Mr. Jukes occupied the chair. The next afternoon the deputation drove to Neepawa, where services are taken by Mr. Jukes. The attendance at the meeting at Neepawa was small. After the missionary meeting there was an informal meeting of the church people, when the erection of a church and the question of obtaining a resident clergyman were considered. Service is at present conducted in the town hall. Mr. Pentreath gave valuable information respecting the purchase of an organ which it was then and there decided should be at once procured. Assurances were offered that the district would raise $400 towards the support of a resident clergyman. It was stated that there were 83 church families in the county, and the archdeacon promised to do his best to obtain a grant and have a clergyman placed at Neepawa as soon as possible.

DEANERY OF BRANDON.

On March 9th a missionary service was held in St. Mathew's Church, Brandon. The prayers were said by the Rev. E. P. Flewelling, the rector The lessons were read by Rev. F. F. Davis, curate at Virden, and addresses were made by Rev. C. T. Weatherly, of Alexander. Rev. W. A. Burman, Rural Dean, and Archdeacon Pinkham. There was a fair attendance.

It was intended to hold a meeting at Virden, and the Archdeacon visited the town for this purpose on the 8th March, but owing to delay in receiving the notices of meeting, it was not held.

DEANERY OF MARQUETTE.

Meetings were held at Poplar Point and High Bluff on February 9th and 10th respectively. At each meeting the incumbent (Rev. A. W. Goulding) occupied the chair, and the meetings were addressed by Archdeacon Pinkham and Rev. W. J. Garton, of the Diocese of McKenzie River, who is temporarily in charge of Gladstone. The meeting at Poplar Point was one of the best attended and most enthusiastic meetings that have taken place.

On February 11th there was a meeting at St. Mary's, Portage la Prairie. On this occasion Archdeacon Pinkham, as curate in charge, occupied the chair, and the deputation consisted of Rev. H. H. Barber, Rev. W. J. Garton and Mr. C. J. Brydges.

A mission service was held at Westbourne on 24th March. The prayers were said by Rev. Thomas Cook, incumbent of the parish; the lessons were read by Archdeacon Pinkham, and addresses made by the Archdeacon and Revs. T. Cook and A. W. Goulding. Rev. W. J. Garton was un-

avoidably absent. The little church was full of persons who listened with rapt attention to all that was said.

DEANERY OF DUFFERIN.

On 15th March the Archdeacon and Mr. C. J. Brydges went out to Southern Manitoba. That evening they addressed a meeting at Morden, presided over by Rev. T. N. Wilson, the incumbent and Rural Dean. The people of Morden, the large majority of whom were residing at Nelson a little more than a year ago, have not not only removed their houses from Nelson to Morden, but they have moved their church also, and no one who sees it re-erected at the latter place would imagine it had been in existence elsewhere. The deputation made a strong appeal for self support, and are of the opinion that this mission is likely to be the first rural mission to attain that [illegible]: not that its people are [illegible] than others, but that [illegible] spirit among them. [illegible] meeting would give Mr. Wilson [illegible] people [illegible], and his labors, not only in [illegible] mission, but in Southern Manitoba [illegible] for some time he was singled [illegible] entitle him to this distinction. On the 16th March there was a missionary meeting at Manitou, and one at Pembina Crossing the next evening. On each occasion the Rev. H. E. Jephson, the missionary in charge, occupied the chair. The rural dean also spoke.

The deputation addressed an excellent meeting at Clearwater, where Rev. C. N. Jeffery resides, on March 18th, and afterwards drove back to Manitou—35 miles—in order to catch the train for Winnipeg the next morning, the team having been most kindly furnished by Mr. R. Rogers.

DEANERY OF LISGAR.

A meeting was held at St. Andrew's on 30th March. The speakers at this meeting were Archdeacon Pinkham, Canon O'Meara, Revs. O. Fortin and E. S. W. Pentreath and Mr. James Taylor. There was a very good attendance. The Rev. A. L. Fortin, incumbent of the parish and rural dean of Lisgar, presided.

A meeting took place at Selkirk on April 1st. Nearly all the gentlemen who had promised to attend as speakers were from various causes unable to be present, and at some inconvenience Canon Coombes kindly arranged at the last moment to accompany Archdeacon Pinkham; Archdeacon Cowley, who came as a hearer, was also prevailed upon to speak. The chair was ably filled by the incumbent, Rev. N. C. Martin.

This completes for the present our missionary meetings. The accompanying statement shows the amount obtained at each meeting. These sums, although important in the present financial position of the diocese, are of trifling value in comparison with the information that has been given, and the interest in our work and wants that has been created. At the close of a meeting, speakers have been told by some who had been listening to them, that they never before had heard so much about the history and condition of the work in this diocese; that they would be glad if such meetings could be held once a month, and so on. The hands of the clergy, whose parishes and missions were visited, have been strengthened and their hearts cheered, and a strong impetus has been given to the all-important duty of self-support, since it has been clearly shown that the sums already withdrawn by English societies indicate further withdrawals at no distant date, and that if the Church of England is to hold her own in Manitoba and the Northwest, she must rise as rapidly as possible to the duty of supplying her own wants withgut depending upon external aid.

It is hoped that the existing arrangement of deaneries and their better organization will facilitate the holding of such meetings annually, and, as far as possible, throughout the Diocese."

Statement of collections at missionary meetings:—

St. Pauls	$ 7 50
Headingly	8 50
St. James	8 00
Springfield	8 50
Sunnyside	15 10
Cook's Creek	12 00
St. George's, Winnipeg	25 75
Holy Trinity, "	37 00
Beulah	18 20
Birtle	12 38
Minnedosa	10 50
Neepawa	3 25
Brandon	13 59
Poplar Point	8 75
High Bluff	8 00
Portage la Prairie	24 15
Westbourne	5 60
Morden	16 00
Manitou	9 20
Pembina Crossing	6 40
Clearwater	23 50
St. Andrews'	8 00
Selkirk	6 35
Total	$296 13

On motion of Mr. Winram, seconded by Mr. Whitcher, it was resolved, that a cordial vote of thanks be given to those gentlemen who have been speakers at these missionary meetings.

An application from Rev. H. E. Jephson for a grant from the S. P. C. K. block grant towards the cost of a church at Musselborough, was considered, and on motion of Mr. Winram, seconded by Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, it was resolved that a grant of £32 be made for this purpose. The church will seat about 120 and will cost about $800. It is to be erected at once, and will, it is said, be free of debt.

A letter was read from Rev. P. Owen Jones, rector of St. George's church, Ottawa, enclosing $42—the first monthly payment of the sum the Dorcas society of the congregation has decided to send as a grant for the missionary at Rounthwaite and Millford; and on motion of Archdeacon Pinkham, seconded by Dean Grisdale, it was unanimously resolved:

That the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, hereby offers its most grateful thanks to the rector and congregation of St. George's Church, Ottawa, for their great kindness in supplying the grant towards the support of the missionary at Rounthwaite and Millford--one of the ten vacant missions for whose needs the committee recently issued an appeal—and would express its earnest hope that in this time of great need for the diocese, other congregations in Eastern Canada may be prevailed upon to do likewise.

Letters, or portions of letters, from Revs. Dr. Mockridge, W. C. Bradshaw, A. G. Pinkham, M. Jukes, T. C. Coggs, W. A. Burman, W. J. Garton, and Mr. R. T. Rokeby were then read.

Rev. W. Burman drew attention to the receipt by him of $57.00 from the congregation of St. James' Church, Goderich, Ont., through Mr. John Middleton, for the building fund of a new church for the Sioux Mission.

The following statements were then presented :—

Sums actually collected by Ven Archdeacon Pinkham during his recent visit to Eastern Canada.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Toronto.

A. H. Campell	25 00
Perkins, Ince & Co	10 00
Mrs. R. G. Dalton	10 00
Fred. K. Perkins	10 00
Henry Cauthra	25 00
J. W. G. Whitney	25 00
G. B. Osler	25 00
R. H. Bethune	20 00
E. F. Hebden	15 00
R. Gooderham	25 00
B. H. Dixon	25 00
Joseph Cauthra	20 00
Mrs. J. Cauthra	10 00
Sheriff Jarvis	10 00
A friend	10 00
Mr. Brough	5 00
Mr. McDonald	2 00
A friend	2 00
A friend	1 00
John Catto	2 00
Rowesll & Hutchinson	4 00
A lady	2 00
Miss Dalton	2 00
Mrs. Wilson	5 00
John Hague	5 00
T. Tilt	5 00
S. G. Wood	5 00
J. A. Worrell	2 00
Mrs. Riordan	3 00
J. Gillespie	5 00
A lady	5 00
Thomas Hodgins	5 00
G. Holmstead	2 00
C. H. Tout	2 00
J. Sloan and F. W. Mason	2 00
Mrs. Miller	1 00
Allan MacDougall	5 00
H & C. Blachford	5 00
Mrs. Edmund Baldwin	5 00
Chief Justice Haggarty	5 00
Mrs. W. A. Baldwin	5 00
Col. Gzowski (sent to the Bishop)	50 00
Total	$407 00

PETERBOROUGH.

Rev. V. Clementi	5 00
H. A. Hammond	5 00
Robert Morrow	10 00
A. P. Pousette	5 00
Dr. Boucher	5 00
T. J. Halliday	5 00
D. Ullyott	5 00
Mr. Vernon	5 00
F. J. Toker	2 00
Mr. Sherwood	1 00
Mr. Ruddy	50
Total	$ 48 50

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

Ottawa.

A Lady	10 00
H. J. Noel	10 00
G. W. Wickstead	5 00
W. R. Wright	5 00
T. H. Perley	5 00
W. H. Rowley	5 00
G. A. Motherwell	5 00
Mr. Wickstead	5 00
Hon. J. Carling	5 00
Dr. H. P. Wright	5 00
Dr. Hill	4 00
Mrs. Lewis	3 00
Messrs. F. & J. Grant	2 00
Mrs. Macdougall	5 00
Miss Chesley	2 00
Mrs. Rowan Legg	2 00
J. E. Parker	1 00

Gipsy	1 00
Mrs. O'Meara	2 00
A Lady	1 00
C. H. Pinhey	1 00
A Friend	5 00
March 11. Rev. P. Owen Jones	12 00
Total	$ 131 00

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA

Hamilton.

Mrs. Fuller	15 00
V. S. Fuller	10 00
C. Bartlett	5 00
W. E. Sanford	5 00
F. W. Gates	10 00
Mrs. O'Reilly	2 00
A friend	25
E. Brown (cheque)	12 00
Total	$59 25

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS.

Toronto	$307 00
Peterboro	48 50
Ottawa	131 00
Hamilton	59 25
Grand Total	$615 75

Sums promised in Ottawa: Rev. P. Owen Jones, $42 per month for Rouathwaite and Millford, estimated for 11 months $462: Collection metting of Women's Auxilliary, $22.

In Toronto: S. H. Blake, $25; C. J. Campbell $25; N. W. Hoyles, $10.

In Hamilton: Mrs. Hamilton, $5.

Total $549 00

Sums actually collected by Rev. Canon O'Meara during his visit to Nova Scotia.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax.

T. A. Brown	50 00
Archdeacon Gilpin	10 00
Dr. Bennett	10 00
C. T. Strong	10 00
T. A. Ritchie	30 00
Malem Bros	10 00
R. J. Wilson	5 00
R. Taylor	5 00
W. C. Silver	5 00
P. Lynch	5 00
Mr. Dunbar	5 00
Mr. Payant	5 00
A. Shortt	5 00
G. R. Shortt	5 00
R. Uniache	5 00
Mrs. Gilpin	5 00
Rev. Mr. and Miss Crisp	5 00
J. Tremaine	5 00
Mr. Shreve	5 00
Mr. Bland	5 00
Mr. Franklin	5 00
Judge Ritchie	5 00
W. N. Silver	3 00
Mrs. Morrow	3 00
Rev. Dr. Patridge	2 00
S. H. Shreve	2 00
A. J. Jones	2 00
J. Minger	2 00
Mrs.. Herslem	2 00
Mr. Blackader	2 00
W. B. Slayter	2 00
B. A. Smith	2 00
Mr. Davidson	2 00
W. Kent	2 00
J. Fortine	1 00
Mr Vizzard	1 00
Mr. Stubbing	1 00
Mr. Symond	1 00
G. H. Williams	1 00
D. H. Whiston	1 00
Dr. Prior	1 00
C. W. Rennels	1 00
Total	$236 00

Charlottetown.

Mrs. Admiral Bayfield	15 00
T. H. Caudal	10 00
T. W. Halls	5 00
C. Palme	5 00
P. Pope	5 00
W. H. Batt	5 00
Mrs. F. J. Newbury	5 00
J. E. Grant	5 00
J. Inges	5 00
Judge Heasley	3 00
Mrs. T. L. Haszard	4 00
C. C. Snadden	2 00
Mrs. A. Brown	2 00
Mrs. W. F. Maxwell	2 00
Mrs. L. H. Davies	2 00
Miss Inges	1 00
Mrs. L. H. Davies	1 00
Mrs. J. Longworth	1 00
H. M. Hooper	1 00
G. W. Peake	1 00
Dr. Fitzgerald	1 00
J. Ball	1 00
G. W. DeBlois	1 00
D. Sleggett	1 00
Dr. Robins	2 00
Total	$ 86 00

Yarmouth.

Mrs. C. L. Moodie	10 00
Mrs. C. L. Moodie	5 00
Mrs. Stanley Brown	5 00
J. W. H. Rowley	3 00
J. B. Gray	2 00
Mr. Viets	2 00
E. M. Viets	2 00
J. W. Moodie	2 00
Miss S. F. Moodie	2 00
A. Murray	2 00
H. S. Almon	2 00
Miss Moody	1 00
T. Sutton	1 00
Mrs. Sutton	1 00
Miss J. K. Miller	1 00
Miss A. G. Muitar	1 00
Miss C. Lawson	1 00
Miss E. Grey	1 00
Total	$ 44 00

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS.

Halifax	$236 00
Charlottetown	86 00
Yarmouth	44 00
Grand total	$366 00

The majority of these are subscriptions for three years.

The following reports were then read :—

(a) From Rev. G. H. Hooper, Springfield.

"I send in a report of my work. I think I can state some progress. Several changes have taken place during the past year. Some of our families have gone to other places, seriously weakening one station in numbers and financial support. Last year I commenced a service in three stations every Sunday. The result has been very satisfactory; a more regular attendance has been obtained. I find it difficult to carry on these services, but with the exception of the time when diphtheria was in my family and one Sunday that I was sick in bed, I have not missed a Sunday since I commenced. I begin the 1st service at 10:30 a. m., the 2nd at 2 p. m., the third at 4:30 p. m. I cannot have a service any later. The people have large stocks to look after and wish to be home on time to attend them. The round journey for me is 22 miles. I have had 10 baptisms, 4 funerals, 2 weddings and 3 confirmed. I believe I am doing as much on Sunday as I can, but there is so much more to be done, that I seem at times to be doing nothing at all. There are so many places round where scattered members of our church are living and where service ought to be held that I frequently get discouraged at the small amount of work done. I have offered several times to go to these places on week days and hold service, but this does not seem to be what is required. Few people like to go far over the prairie at night. A Sunday service is the only way to reach them, and I cannot give it just now. I hope shortly to get a lay reader, and if I do, we can between us take up two or three other townships and give at least a fortnightly service, I going once a month and the lay reader once a month. I do not see any other way at present of giving these scattered ones the means of grace.

"I think the people of this mission have shown that they appreciate the work carried on amongst them. In spite of the depression of trade and failure of crops, the church wardens have sent to the mission fund $82.60 since Thanksgiving Day. This speaks more than words of mine. For my own part, I must say I have received the utmost kindness and good-will since my appointment. One great want in this mission is a parsonage. It is a serious inroad on a small salary to have to pay $72 a year rent for a house. We cannot as yet see our way clear to do anything towards building. We would be very glad indeed if some steps could be taken to supply this want. If our crops are good this year, I think a start could possibly be made, but it will be some time, even with good crops, before we can build a house without assistance.

"Our people, as you know, are not like settlers in Eastern Canada. Most of them only commenced a little while ago. They started, in many cases, with little or nothing, and when crops failed they had nothing to fall back upon. Still I do not think there are many missions in any place, as weak in numbers as we are, which can show a better record.

"My work for the year may be stated briefly thus: Three services Sundays; holy communion once a month; parochial visits during the week as frequent as possible. This, I suppose, is something, but how much remains undone! Plympton, Milbrook, Richland, Caledonia, Rosedale, Clear Springs, Woodridge and other townships are sadly in need of a clergyman's services on Sunday. Where is he to come from? With a lay reader's help I think I can take three of them, but I cannot alone. The people are so scattered that I cannot reach more than three places on Sundays, and it is very hard to do that when the roads are bad. People in the east do not understand the difference in our roads and theirs. I have frequently had three services in Ontario, and driven thirty-three miles, and not had such hard work for myself or horse as 22 miles gives here. I feel a great reluctance to send any report. Whenever I sit down to write of what I am doing, what I am not doing and what ought to be done gets uppermost in my mind. A report of that kind would be the easiest written. We had a visit from the Bishop last summer, the only break in the monotony of country life since I have been here. We were all very much pleased to see his Lordship and I should think the interest shown by the people would be gratifying to him. We hope to see him again soon."

(b) From Rev. W. Langham Cheney, Rounthwaite.

"The following is a report of my work during the past month in the district of Millford and Rounthwaite:

"Millford is a place started in prospect of a railroad which has not yet been constructed.

"Rounthwaite is a beautiful country district about 17 miles south of Brandon, with

a very fine church built by English settlers between three and four years ago, but three years of bad crops, and some well-to-do farmers leaving to take up second homesteads, a debt remains on the church to the amount of $800.

"These districts are about 14 miles apart and have a service every Sunday. At first it was, Millford 11 a.m., and Rounthwaite 3.30 p.m. The people in the last named mission are very much scattered, some having a drive of 10 miles, the average from 3 to 4 miles.

"To suit the people south of Millford we have altered the services. Now Millford and Rounthwaite take it in turns, and have service in the morning one sunday, and afternoon the other, with very fair attendance.

"As Easter this year comes about seeding time, we have called a meeting and appointed officers for the coming year. Arrangements were also made to build a shed for the comfort of horses driven from a distance, and already several members have been energetic in supplying material.

"As this part of the country is new to me, and the roads in a very bad state, I have not been able to visit more than 20 families, but hope by the end of the month to be better acquainted with our people."

(c) A report was read from Rev. C. T. Weatherley, who has no regular work, but is taking services in a few places not included in any existing mission.

Moved by Dean Grisdale, seconded by Canon Matheson and resolved:

That the cordial thanks of the executive committee of the synod of the diocese of Rupert's Land be hereby offered to Mr. T. A. Hanbury, who has very effectively and successfully taken Sunday services at Morris for more than a year past.

Moved by Rev. O. Fortin, seconded by Canon O'Meara, and resolved:

That the regular quarterly meeting of the executive committee take place on the second Wednesday in April (after this year), July, October and January, instead of the present dates of meeting.

Archdeacon Pinkham submitted the following notes of districts where the need of a resident clergyman is most pressing and in every one of which the people may be expected to give from $300 to $400 per annum towards his stipend.

1. NORQUAY.

The mission of which Norquay is the chief place embraces the townships of Swan Lake Beaconsfield, Somerset, etc. etc., in the Municipality of Lorne, in the Deanery of Dufferin. It will be vacant at Easter. There is an excellent parsonage at Norquay mainly built from contributions received in former years from St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, and a mission church at Swan Lake; and preparations have been made for the erection of a church at Beaconsfield. Four years ago St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, promised the grant for this mission, but for the past two years the total amount sent has been $167.58 only, received last year.

2. GLADSTONE.

Gladstone is a village on the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway, between 30 and 40 miles from Portage la Prairie, in the Deanery of Marquette. The mission embraces townships 13 to 18 in ranges 11 and 12. There is a parsonage, on which there is a debt of nearly $900. There is no church. It will be vacant after Easter.

3. NEEPAWA.

Neepawa is a thriving village on the Manitoba and Northwestern railway 61 miles from Portage la Prairie and 117 miles from Winnipeg, in the Deanery of Minnedosa. It is the county town of the county of Beautiful Plains, one of the finest agricultural districts in Manitoba. The country about the town is well settled. There are between 80 and 90 church families in the county. Fortnightly services have been held for some time at Neepawa and at Glendale, a settlement about thirteen miles S W of Neepawa, by the clergyman who resides at Minnedosa, but there are other settlements nearer Minnedosa requiring his attention as soon as arrangements can be made for a resident clergyman at Neepawa. The clergyman to be stationed at Neepawa would have for the present to minister to all the church people in the county. Preparations are being made for the erection of churches at Neepawa and Glendale. $400 will be contributed towards the support of a resident clergyman. There is no church or parsonage.

4. OAK LAKE.

Oak Lake is a growing village on the Canadian Pacific Railway, 35 miles west of Brandon. It is the centre of a most excellent agricultural district. The proposed mission of Oak Lake would adjoin the Virden mission on the west, and embrace the

village of Griswold, eight miles east; the Blair school district, about eight or nine miles northwest of Oak Lake village; the settlers around the lake itself, some ten miles south of the village, and a settlement on the Pipestone Creek, about fifteen miles distant. There is no church or parsonage in the district. The people are taking steps to raise half the stipend required. Archdeacon Pinkham held a meeting for organization and services in the district recently. The services were hearty and there was a large attendance. Oak Lake is in the Deanery of Brandon.

5—RUSSELL.

The municipality of Russell is an important district in the county of the same name, in the deanery of Minnedosa. There are three small villages in the municipality, viz., Russell, Shellmouth and Assissippi. A clergyman had charge of the district for some time. He resigned last autumn. There is no church or parsonage in the district.

6—CARBERRY.

Carberry is a village on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, between Portage la Prairie and Brandon, in the Deanery of Brandon. There are a number of church families in Carberry and the vicinity, and the large district of which the village is the centre ought to be occupied at once. At the present time no services are held in the whole district.

7.—KILLARNEY.

The Municipality of Turtle Mountain ought to have a resident clergyman at once. At the present time monthly services are taken at Wakopa and Killarney by the missionary at Clearwater. Killarney is in the Deanery of Dufferin.

There are other large districts which should have regular services."

His Lordship then pronounced the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

ST. MARY'S, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, A SELF-SUPPORTING PARISH.

The members of St. Mary's congregation, Portage la Prairie, have recently petitioned the Bishop to appoint the Rev. C. N. F. Jeffery, B.A., B.D., to be their pastor, and have guaranteed $900 of stipend for the first year, with the hope of an increase thereafter.

This parish was for years a C. M. S. mission. Church work was begun in the year 1855 by the late Archdeacon Cochran, who died there ten years afterwards and was succeeded by his son-in-law, the late Rev. H. George, who was incumbent of the parish at the time of his death in 1881. He was succeeded by Rev. A. L. Fortin, now incumbent of St. Andrew's. Towards Mr. Fortin's stipend the Church Missionary Society gave till the end of 1884 £100 sterling per annum. During the portion of last year that Mr. Fortin was in charge a grant was given from the Home Mission Fund. Since Mr. Fortin's resignation services have been taken every Sunday chiefly by the cathedral clergy and Rev. H. T. Leslie. For some months the Dean of Rupert's Land was curate in charge, but on Archdeacon Pinkham's return from England the dean resigned that position to him. The officiating clergyman has usually spent as much of each Saturday and Monday as was available in parochial visitation.

The new rector, who is to enter upon his duties on Easter Day, is a graduate in arts and theology of the University of Manitoba, and an alumnus of St. John's College, in this city. Since his ordination, not quite two years ago, he has had charge of the mission of Clearwater, in Southern Manitoba.

St. Mary's is the fifth congregation in the diocese, whose rector is entirely supported by the congregation without any aid from endowments, the others being Holy Trinity, Christ Church, and All Saints', Winnipeg; and St. Matthew's, Brandon.

The Rev. A. W. Goulding, B. D., has resigned the incumbency of Poplar Point and High Bluff, and has been placed by the Bishop in charge of Stonewall and Victoria. Mr. Goulding has also received the appointment of Protestant Chaplain of the Manitoba Penitentiary. He will reside at the Stony Mountain.

Rev. A. G. Pinkham, missionary at Norquay, etc., in Southern Manitoba, has resigned his position in the diocese, and has accepted a charge in the diocese of North Dakota. He leaves after Easter.

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